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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JACOBY ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey D. Carlson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the paper(s) filed 4/25/05.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- Claim 7, there is no antecedent basis for the script command.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Holtz et al (US6760916). Holtz et al teaches [fig 11, abstract] a media player on a client machine that enables a user to build custom playlists for content to be streamed to the user. The client renders the stream as well as simultaneously renders/displays other content such as HTML content/window 1108a, banner 1114a, browser content 1112,

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etc. Holtz et al teaches that enhancements to the streaming content can include ads such as banners, sponsorships, scrolling element and buttons/links [34:27-31, 46-50]. The ads can be linked to each content segment requested so the user can view such ads when also viewing the streaming content [4:5-19]. The streaming content includes a metafile (playlist) script that defines commands for including particular files/streams as well as advertising, text, graphic elements and hyperlinks associated with the video and topic being streamed which are linked to each content segment [8:60 to 9:20]. The ads can be integrated into the media stream at any point [9:51-53]. The ads come from remote databases/sources. The ads can be programmed to run before, during or after each streaming segment content [34:32-39]. The ads can be shown in the same vcontnet frame or in other frames [35:5-12]. Holtz et al teaches HTML banner ad sponsorship 1114b that is shown simultaneously with the particular requested content segment [37:26-34]. Holtz et al also teaches informative supporting media that is linked to run simultaneously with the streaming content [38:35-56, 39:10-17, 40:54 to 41:10, 41:35-54, 43:51-64, 44:2-8]. This content could also be considered to be "advertising." The client application of Holtz et al is taken to be a browser with various frame sets that contain the disclosed content and is capable of browsing the web, displaying HTML content and enabling hyperlinks. Holtz et al is taken to inherently include directory construction and searching for files which define the parameters of the frames in order to properly render the frames as well as the content that is rendered within them. Holtz et al teaches logging when the ads are played [abstract, 4:48-50].

Conclusion


4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Dwek (US6248946) also teaches a client application that can play user-requested streaming content as well as simultaneously display auxiliary content including advertising in a separate frame..

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey D. Carlson whose telephone number is 571-272-6716. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6p, (off on alternate Fridays).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on (571)272-6724. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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